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TO: Early Intervention Program Directors
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RE: **FIRST DOLLAR MANDATE**

FROM: Stephen McCourt, Early Intervention Fiscal Manager
Jean Shimer, EI Data Manager

DATE: August 10, 2010

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Massachusetts General Laws pertaining to mandated coverage for Early Intervention services have been amended to prohibit fully insured health plans from charging co-payments, co-insurance, and deductible for Early Intervention services effective 7/1/2010.

Self insured employer groups have the option to not abide by the mandate and may choose not to make the change.

This change does not apply to Health Savings Account Plans (HSAs) governed by the Federal Internal Revenue Code that would lose tax exempt status by prohibiting co-payments, coinsurance or deductibles.

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